FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 8, 1996

SUBJECT: SB 2117 - HB 2860

This bill, if enacted, will require the Department of Education to establish a School Safety Center to develop and evaluate training materials and guidelines on school safety issues. The Center will also be responsible for the collection and analysis of data related to school safety, including violent or assaultive attacks against school employees and students. In addition, the Center will establish grants, within the limit of appropriations, to local education agencies for development of innovative violence prevention programs.

The Department of Education has already established a School Safety Center which addresses the requirements of the bill. The Center is currently studying methods to collect and analyze data. Therefore, this requirement of the bill will result in no additional cost to the department for personnel or related expenses.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in state expenditures for grants which will be available to local education agencies. The amount of increase in state expenditures cannot be determined, since such increase will depend upon the number of grants made and the amount of each grant. However, such increase is estimated to exceed \$100,000 to implement the program.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James A. Davenport, Executive Director